

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-6 are allowed.
2. Claims 1-6 are allowed. The prior art does not teach in claimed combination an information processing system comprising:
“...image processing apparatus comprises a memory unit, adapted to store the device information transmitted by said transmission unit of said information processing apparatus, a device information setting unit, adapted to set the device information to said memory unit, and a selection unit, adapted to, according to the device information included in the data transmitted by said transmission unit of said information processing apparatus, cause said device information setting unit to set the device information according to the command information to said memory unit, change the command information of the data, and select whether to transmit the data of which the command information has been changed to the next image processing apparatus or transmit the transmitted data to the next image processing apparatus as it is.”

The features identified, in combination with other claim limitations, are neither suggested nor discussed by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

3. *Contact Information*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Houshang Safaipoor whose telephone number is (571)272-7412. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 6:30am to 3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Moore whose telephone number is (571)272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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September 26, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Safaipoor', is written over the printed name and date.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of issue fee.

Authorization to amend claim 6 was given in telephone interview with Leonard Diana (Registration No. 29,296) on September 26, 2007.

2. In the Claims:

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A computer readable medium having a stored computer program which is used to control an information processing system including an information processing apparatus for dividing image data into predetermined divided image data and transmitting the divided image data to an image processing apparatus together with device information, and plural image processing apparatuses for performing, according to the device information, processes to the divided image data transmitted from the information processing apparatus, said program comprising: a setting module for setting the device information and command information in the information processing apparatus; a transmission module for transmitting data including the device information and the command information set by said setting module, from the information processing apparatus to the image processing apparatus; a storage module for storing, in a memory unit of the image processing apparatus, the device information transmitted from the information processing apparatus by said transmission module;

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a device information setting module for setting the device information to the memory unit; and a selection module for, according to the device information included in the data transmitted from the information processing apparatus by said transmission module, causing said device information setting module to set the device information according to the command information to the memory unit, change the command information of the data, and select whether to transmit the data of which the command information has been changed to the next image processing apparatus or transmit the transmitted data to the next image processing apparatus as it is.

Houhang Safaipoor
Patent Examiner

